GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA

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SEIZURE OF ARMS AT JAWAHARLAL NEHRU PORT TRUST
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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there was a arms haul at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust near Mumbai;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the Government has taken up the management of coastal security in the Western Zone by evolving a common defence mechanism at the national level; and

(d) if so, the details of such management package?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI S. REGUPATHY)

(a)&(b): As reported by Government of Maharashtra, on 21-05-2005, Crime Branch of Mumbai Police seized 34 foreign made revolvers, 3 pistols, 1 silencer and 1283 live cartridges at the Jawaharlal Nehru Port Trust.

(c)&(d): Government have approved a scheme to strengthen the infrastructure available with the coastal States and Union Territories including those in the Western Zone for patrolling and surveillance of the coastal areas. The scheme envisages central assistance for setting up police stations, check posts and out-posts in the coastal areas equipped with vehicles, vessels and trained manpower etc. Government have also approved a scheme for strengthening joint coastal patrolling off the coast of Gujarat and Maharashtra by creating additional infrastructure for Coast Guard.